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1. At about 4 p.m. on 24 April 1952, a Soviet train of 10 to 12 empty boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 40 x 45-mm model 1942 AT guns, 15 x 76-mm ZIS-3 model 1942 field guns, 60 two-wheel rubber-tired limbers and a van-like truck arrived at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. The shipment was divided into two trains. Their departure was not observed. (1)

2. On the evening of 6 May, about 20 cars, each carrying four guns, stood on the side tracks of the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The guns had a caliber between 80-mm and 140-mm, their barrels were about 3 meter-long and the carriages were about 1 meter long. (2)

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3. Between April and mid-May, an unusually large number of guns arrived at, and were dispatched from, the Fuerstenwalde-Ketschendorf area. Most of the shipments were in conjunction with [redacted] which was stationed in the engineer equipment depot at Ketschendorf. Shipments observed included:

15 and 16 April. Loading of 60 flatcars with guns and departure Soward Frankfurt/Oder.

16 April. Loading of 50 flatcars with guns and departure Soward Frankfurt/Oder.

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End of April. Loading of 17 flatcars with guns and 8 boxcars with ammunition by [redacted] and departure to Wuellrose.

Beginning of May. Shipment of 60 flatcars with heavy guns to Unt[redacted] Cransee. (3)

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4. On 12 May, two trains with about 40 guns and about 40 trailers were seen on the track toward Magdeburg outside the Leipzig main railroad station. [redacted] the guns on one train to have been 75.2-mm guns and those on the other train 122-mm howitzers. No motor vehicles were seen with the trains. (4)

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(1) [redacted] Comments.

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The weapons were shipped to Volkspolizei units. [redacted]

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(2) [redacted] 50X1-HUM the guns are 76.2-mm ZIS-3 guns.

(3) [redacted] No shipment to the U.S.S.R. has been reported from the Frankfurt/Oder border crossing point. [redacted] probably belongs to an ammunition depot in connection with an ordnance depot in Cranssee.

(4) This is the first report to mention these trains. 50X1-HUM

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